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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 1342 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 1342 day(s).

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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

10/600,483

Examiner

MARTIN A. GOTTSCHALK

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 08/10/2010.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,9,10,12-17,19-23 and 62-64.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

/Martin A. Gottschalk/
Examiner, Art Unit 3693

/James A. Kramer/
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 3693

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with attorney Mark Williams on 10/22/2010 (see also attached Appendix A for email correspondence).

Please cancel claims 3-8, 11, 18, and 24-40 as per Appendix A, pgs. 3-5.

Please cancel claims 41-61 as per phone authorization by Mr. Williams.

Claims 1, 2, 63, and 64 are amended as follow below.

Claim 1. A method comprising:

allocating, by a computer based system for administering a subsidiary account, a first credit line to the subsidiary account, wherein the first credit line is at least a portion of an available credit line of [[the]] a parent account, and wherein the first credit line is provided by a first account issuer;

authorizing, by the computer based system, a second credit line associated with the subsidiary account and provided by [[an]] a second account issuer, wherein the second account issuer is situated in a second country that is different from a first country associated with the first account issuer;

defining, by the computer based system, a subsidiary account spending capacity based on a currency of [[a]] the first country, the first credit line, and the second credit line;

determining, by the computer based system, an exchange rate corresponding to the currency of the first country and a currency of [[a]] the second country distinct from the first country;

determining, by the computer based system, an effective time period associated with the exchange rate;

authorizing, by the computer based system, a purchase with a subsidiary account, wherein purchases made using the subsidiary account are limited by the subsidiary account spending capacity, and wherein, during the effective time period, purchases made using the subsidiary account in the currency of the second country are converted into the currency of the first country according to the exchange rate; and

accommodating, by the computer based system, an emergency transaction in accordance with predefined criteria by allowing the subsidiary account to exceed the subsidiary account's defined spending capacity.

Claim 2. The method according to claim 1, wherein the parent account is established by [[a]] the first account issuer and the subsidiary account is at least partially maintained by [[a]] the second account issuer.

Claim 63. A tangible non-transitory computer-readable storage medium having computer-executable instructions stored thereon that, if executed by a computer based system for administering a subsidiary account, cause the computer based system to perform operations comprising:

allocating, by the computer based system, a first credit line to the subsidiary account, wherein the first credit line is at least a portion of an available credit line of

[[the]] a parent account, and wherein the first credit line is provided by a first account issuer;;

authorizing, by the computer based system, a second credit line associated with the subsidiary account and provided by [[an]] a second account issuer, wherein the second account issuer is situated in a second country that is different from a first country associated with the first account issuer;

defining, by the computer based system, a subsidiary account spending capacity based on a currency of [[a]] the first country, the first credit line, and the second credit line;

determining, by the computer based system, an exchange rate corresponding to the currency of the first country and a currency of [[a]] the second country distinct from the first country;

determining, by the computer based system, an effective time period associated with the exchange rate;

authorizing, by the computer based system, a purchase with a subsidiary account, wherein purchases made using the subsidiary account are limited by the subsidiary account spending capacity, and wherein, during the effective time period, purchases made using the subsidiary account in the currency of the second country are converted into the currency of the first country according to the exchange rate; and

accommodating, by the computer based system, an emergency transaction in accordance with predefined criteria by allowing the subsidiary account to exceed the subsidiary account's defined spending capacity.

Claim 64. A computer based system for administering a subsidiary account comprising:

a network interface communicating with a memory;

the memory communicating with a processor; and

the processor, when executing a computer program, is configured to:

allocate, by the processor, a first credit line to the subsidiary account, wherein the first credit line is at least a portion of an available credit line of [[the]] a parent account, and wherein the first credit line is provided by a first account issuer;

authorize, by the processor, a second credit line associated with the subsidiary account and provided by [[an]] a second account issuer, wherein the second account issuer is situated in a second country that is different from a first country associated with the first account issuer;

define, by the processor, a subsidiary account spending capacity based on a currency of [[a]] the first country, the first credit line, and the second credit line;

determine, by the processor, an exchange rate corresponding to the currency of the first country and a currency of [[a]] the second country distinct from the first country;

determine, by the processor, an effective time period associated with the exchange rate;

authorize, by the processor, a purchase with a subsidiary account, wherein purchases made using the subsidiary account are limited by the subsidiary account spending capacity, and wherein, during the effective time period, purchases made using the subsidiary account in the currency of the second country are converted into the currency of the first country according to the exchange rate; and

accommodate, by the processor, an emergency transaction in accordance with predefined criteria by allowing the subsidiary account to exceed the subsidiary account's defined spending capacity.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The closest prior art of Blagg et al (US Pat# 7,050,996) teaches creation of a master account with subsidiary accounts where parameters may be defined such that the subsidiary account may have a credit line partially related to the master account, and partially independent of the master account so that the cardholder associated with the subsidiary account has an independent credit line (Blagg: col 2, lns 39-58; col 6, lns 66 to col 7, 35; col 15, lns 20 to col 16, lns 14). However neither Blagg by itself nor in combination with other prior art teaches wherein part of the credit line of the subsidiary account is provided by a second issuer distinct from the issuer of the master account, and wherein the two issuers are located in different countries. Thus claims 1, 2, 9, 10, 12-17, 19-23, and 62-64 are hereby allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The cited but not applied prior art teaches systems of providing master (parent) accounts having subsidiary accounts (child) associated with them.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MARTIN A. GOTTSCHALK whose telephone number is (571)272-7030. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Fri 10:00 - 6:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James A. Kramer can be reached on (571) 272-6783. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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